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Subject: Fwd: RE: Fort Gillem, Georgia (UNCLASSIFIED)
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----- Message from "Jan Simmons" <Jan.Simmons@dnr.state.ga.us> on Wed, 14 Nov 2012 19:37:06 -0500 -----

To: "John E CIV USARMY HQDA ASA-IEE (US) Tesner" <john.e.tesner.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Fort Gillem, Georgia (UNCLASSIFIED)

I just wanted to give you an update on Fort Gillem. See recent communications with Tesner attached. They have responded that they'd like a time later in the day, so we have not completely nailed down a meeting time, but we are close. As you can see, it is almost as close to Dec. 1 as it can be w/o being 12/1. We'll see what happens...

John, We are available November 30th at 9:00 a.m. I'm glad we could arrive at a date. We would be interested in obtaining the Site Management Plan we've requested before the meeting (see the end of the November 7 email attachment entitled "Follow-up Information Summary" for details requested in the plan). I think it would help with our discussion. We look forward to seeing you and your team on the 30th.

>>> Jan Simmons 11/13/2012 5:01 PM >>>
Thanks for getting back to me John. We'll check with Mr. Turner and get back with you.

>>> "Tesner, John E CIV USARMY HQDA ASA-IEE (US)"
<john.e.tesner.civ@mail.mil> 11/13/2012 3:03 PM >>>
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Jan-
Again appreciate you sending Gillem info last week. We would like to meet with Mr. Turner, preferably before the end of the month. Right now Nov 20, 29, or 30 look best for the Army team. Do any of these dates work for GAEPD?

Thanks!
JT

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jan Simmons [mailto:Jan.Simmons@dnr.state.ga.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 9:11 PM
To: John.e.tesner@us.army.mil
Cc: Amy Potter; Keith Bentley
Subject: Fort Gillem, Georgia

Hi John,

It was good to talk with you about Fort Gillem at the ASTSWMO meeting. I felt it was a productive discussion. I hope you did as well.

This email is to provide you with additional information associated with some of the issues we discussed in DC as examples of the types of issues we are having at the site (see the attached), and to give you an update on the meeting.

During our discussion, you mentioned that you wanted a chance to give Georgia a comfort level with the site, and had assigned to work on the project. At that time, as I indicated, we had been approached about a meeting, but had not been provided with dates to begin scheduling, and had been told that the purpose of the meeting was for Mr. Lederle to provide a presentation on BRAC and its successes, and not the Army's plan to address contamination problems at the site.

The LRA met with Mr. Turner, our Director, on October 31 about the site and there was a pretty thorough discussion of what EPD was looking for to address the Ft Gillem site, including the Site Management Plan (discussed at the end of the attached "Follow-up Information Summary").

The meeting with Mr. Lederle was scheduled for this past Monday and we were being pressed to include Mr. Turner in the meeting. Prior to the meeting, my boss, Keith Bentley, spoke with Susan Gibson of the Army Regional Office, and it was decided to cancel the meeting until there was something more substantive to discuss.

When we spoke in DC, I expressed a concern that we are running out of time, and while there has been a lot of motion since we first met with the Army to inform them of a possible NPL listing, we are not closer on the global issues on Fort Gillem, nor are we closer to a comfort level that the site will progress any differently in its investigative and remedial efforts. As I indicated when we spoke, our interest is not with listing the site on the NPL, but with ensuring the site gets cleaned-up

(with clear documentation); and with the labor intensive efforts thus far, resulting in minimal progress when looking at the site as a whole, the NPL is one option to assist with putting the site on a better path of progress towards the end goal.

We are open to other options for resolving the issues; however, as I indicated during our discussions in DC, I am concerned with the lack of effort toward resolution based on EPA's timeframe (let me be clear, we are not concerned with the time, but the lack of progress based on that timeframe). We need a clear path forward for how and when on-site and off-site contamination will be addressed and who will be responsible. We need specific commitments and not general assurances.

As indicated above, the attached provides additional information on historical problems (entitled "Follow-up Information Summary"), as well as work needed at the site (broken up into those 2 categories). Our Director is interested in a meeting with you (to include representatives from the respective agencies) in an attempt to obtain that comfort level, and to discuss the path forward. Note that we continue to be concerned with the time ticking away, and we are not closer to resolving the issues. We would like to meet with you as soon as possible, as the EPA deadline is December.

If you are interested in the meeting discussed above, please provide your availability, and I will begin those scheduling efforts.

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